Memorandum on the Notifications. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1267/85]

Report (1983-84) of the Regional Engineering College, Durgapur

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Annual Report of the Regional Engineering College, Durgapur, for the year 1983-84, together with a Review by Government thereon. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1271/85]

Report and Certified Accounts (1983-84) of the National Institute of Homoeopathy, Calcutta and related papers

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(1) Annual Report and Certified Accounts of the National Institute of Homoeopathy, Calcutta, for the year 1983-84, together with the Audit Report on the Accounts.

(2) Review by Government on the working of the Institute.

(3) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1272/84 for (i) to (iii).]

Report and Accounts (1983-84) of the Shipping Development Fund Committee and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (6) of section 16 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958:—

(i) Twenty-fifth Annual Report and Accounts of the Shipping Development Fund Committee for the year 1983-84, together with the Audit Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Review by Government on the Report mentioned at (i) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1274/85 for (i) and (ii)]

Notification of the Ministry of Shipping and Transport (Ports Wing)

II. SHRI Z. R. ANSARI: Sir, I also beg to lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Shipping and Transport (Ports Wing), Notification G.S.R. No. 495 (E), dated the 14th June, 1985, approving the Calcutta Port Trust Employees (Leave) Regulations, 1985, under sub-section (4) of section 124 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1236/85]

Indian Electricity (Amendment) Rules, 1985

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU). Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, under sub-section (3) of section 38 of the Indian Electricity Act, 1910, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Department of Power), Central Electricity Board, Notification G.S.R. No. 425, dated the 27th April, 1985, publishing the Indian Electricity (Amendment) Rules, 1985, together with an Explanatory statement thereon. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1275/85]

Report and Audited Accounts (1985-84) of the Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in

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English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Annual Report and Audited Accounts of the Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy, New Delhi, for the year 1983-84.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the Council.

(iii) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) above.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1276/85 for (i) to (iii).]

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Nuclear threat faced by India in the context of the reported move of Pakistan to acquirt and develop nuclear weapons

SHRI J. K. JAIN (Madhya Pradesh) Mr. Chairman, Sir, I call the attention of the Minister of External Affairs to the nuclear threat faced by the country in the context of the reported move of Pakistan to acquire and develop nuclear weapons and the steps taken by Government in the matter.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): Mr. Chairman, Sir,....

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI (Madhya Pradesh): Sir, this Calling Attention should have been dealt with by the Defence Minister.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is for the Government to decide who will deal with it and the Government have decided that the Minister of External Affairs will deal with it. Yes, Mr. Khurshid Alam Khan.

SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN: Sir, the non-peaceful dimension of Pakistan's nuclear programme has been a matter of concern for India. Contrary to the claims by Pakistan's leaders, available evidence and public statements by Pakistan scientists suggest that Pakistan has been pursuing the objective of acquiring the wherewithal to manufacture nuclear weapons. Reports which have appeared from time to time in the international media in this regard, particularly about the clandestine procurement of nuclear equipment and components by Pakistan, have reinforced our apprehensions.

2. Our concerns on this subject which have been conveyed on different occasions to the Government of Pakistan at various levels were reiterated during the recent visit of the Foreign Secretary of Pakistan.

3. Government are concerned at the likelihood of Pakistan acquiring nuclear weapons which would result in qualitative change in the security environment in our region. India remains committed to developing nuclear technology for peaceful purposes. However, we cannot but take into account these developments in our neighbourhood which have grave implications for our security. I wish to assure the House that Government have been keeping, and will continue to keep, a constant vigil on all developments having a bearing on the country's security.

श्री जे० के० जैन : सभापति महोदय, हम पास्ट में भी कई बार सुन चुके हैं कि हमारी सरकार ने पाकिस्तान के खिलाफ कन्सर्न शो किया है और आज भी हमारी कुशल मंत्री महोदय ने वही बातें अपने स्टेटमेंट में रखी हैं कि पाकिस्तान की इन गतिविधियों के ऊपर भारत सरकार अपना कंसर्न शो कर चुकी है और एक बार फिर किया है ? एक ओर हम कंसर्न शो कर रहे हैं और दूसरी ओर पाकिस्तान बराबर तीव्र गति से न्यूक्लियर आर्म्स बनाने की ओर बढ़ रहा है । यह बहुत चिंता का विषय बन चुका है ।